

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 199940  
ISSUED TO  
MICHELLE KEALEI LAURELES

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Patricia Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Michelle Kealei Laureles  
P.O. Box 373  
Comanche, TX 76442

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.2(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 199940, previously issued to MICHELLE KEALEI LAURELES, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 199940, previously issued to MICHELLE KEALEI LAURELES, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 23rd day of March, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:   
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Michelle Kealei Laureles  
P.O. Box 373  
Comanche, TX 76442

BY: Katherine A. Thomas  
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of Permanent License  
Number 199940, Issued to  
MICHELLE KEALEI LAURELES, Respondent**

§ **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
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§ **BOARD OF NURSING**

### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, MICHELLE KEALEI LAURELES, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 199940, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### **CHARGE I.**

On or about November 15, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: METHAMPHETAMINE, LESS THAN ONE GRAM (a State Jail felony offense committed on May 8, 2007), in the 91st District Court, Eastland County, Texas, under Cause No. 21,494. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

On or about April 2, 2008, a Motion to Proceed with Adjudication of Guilt and Order were entered against Respondent in the District Court, 91st Judicial District, Eastland County, Texas, for violating the conditions of her probation. The violations included:

- a. On or about February 1, 2008, Respondent admitted to her Probation Supervision Officer that she used methamphetamine on or about January 30, 2008.
- b. On or about February 8, 2008, Respondent admitted to her Probation Supervision Officer that she used methamphetamine on or about February 4, 2008.

On or about May 28, 2008, an Order Modifying Probation was entered, ordering Respondent to enter the Substance Abuse Felony Treatment Facility (SAFP), for a period of not less than ninety (90) days or more than twelve months.

On or about June 10, 2009, an Order Amending Conditions of Probation was entered requiring Respondent to serve four (4) weeks in the Eastland County Jail beginning on June 10, 2009.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B)&(13). Moreover, the above offense mandates revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in accordance with Chapter 53.021 of the Texas Occupations Code.

## CHARGE II.

On or about July 16, 2008, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about November 15, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: METHAMPHETAMINE, LESS THAN ONE GRAM in Eastland County, Texas, and, as a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.

On or about May 28, 2008, an Order Modifying Probation was entered, ordering Respondent to enter the Substance Abuse Felony Treatment Facility (SAFP).

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33, and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

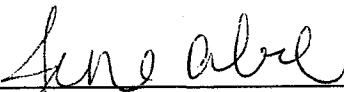
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at [www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

Filed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010.

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